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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

1. ABOUT 500 STUDENTS FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTE REPRESENTING THE REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT FRONT (FER) AND THE ASSOCIATED FEDERATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE DEMONSTRATED AT THE EMBASSY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR THIS MORNING. STIMULUS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION WAS THE SNYDER AMENDMENT. THE FER, AN ANTI-GOP, ANTI-US RADICAL GROUP, USED THE OCCASION TO CRITICIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, REACTIONARIES, IMPERIALISM, AND THE "PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARY" GOP. BANNERS CALLED FOR OPEN NEGOTIATIONS AND CHANTS INCLUDED THE USUAL "DOWN WITH MILITARY BASES."

2. WE HAD ADVANCE WARNING THAT THE STUDENTS WERE ON THEIR WAY. LT. COL. NORIEGA PERSONALLY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE BEFORE THE DEMONSTRATORS AND ORGANIZED LOW-KEY BUT EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR THE EMBASSY. THE STUDENTS GATHERED IN

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FRONT OF THE EMBASSY BALBOA AVENUE. AT ONE POINT

SEVERAL STUDENTS OPENED THE CENTER GATE AND APPROACHED THE FLAG POLE ON THE EMBASSY GROUNDS, APPARENTLY TO PAINT IT, BUT THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY INTERCEPTED BY A GN CAPTAIN BACKED BY THREE OTHER GN PERSONNEL. THE CAPTAIN, GENTLY BUT FIRMLY WITH OUTSPREAD ARMS, PUSHED THEM BACK ONTO THE STREET. A MOMENT OF TENSENESS ENSUED WITH THE STUDENTS SHOUTING AT THE CAPTAIN AND SURGING AROUND HIM BUT FORTUNATELY THE SITUATION SOON CALMED SOMEWHAT.

3. AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 THE STUDENTS DEPARTED USING 37TH STREET ALONG THE SIDE OF THE EMBASSY. A SMALL GROUP OF STRAGGLERS THREW A FEW ROCKS, BREAKING TWO WINDOWS. THEY ARE NOW DEMONSTRATING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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